

Senate Bill 589

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Grant of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a Board of Education of Jones County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3836), so as to provide for the election of members of the Board of Education of Jones County in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a Board of Education of Jones County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3836), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2 and inserting a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The chairperson may reside anywhere within Jones County and shall be elected by the voters of the entire county. Each other member must be a resident of the district the member represents and shall be elected only by the voters of that district. All elections shall be by majority vote. All elections for the Board of Education of Jones County conducted after June 1, 2006, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

SECTION 2.

Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of any member of the Board of Education of Jones County in office on June 1, 2006. The sitting members shall serve out the terms of office for which they were elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

SECTION 3.

The Board of Education of Jones County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.